

SESSION OF CO. BOARD CONTINUES

Action on Equalization Matters is Postponed Till June 16, Pending Notice to Taxpayers; Consult Atty Gen' About Duties

REGULAR GRIND OF ROUTINE BUSINESS

Road Dragging Reports Received and Bridge to Be Repaired; Petition for Opening of Highway Granted and Survey is Ordered

The board of county commissioners met at 8 o'clock this morning. The meeting was called at the early hour in order that the commissioners might confer with the county attorney and instruct him regarding their wishes in the matter to be taken up with the attorney general relating to the duties of the board while sitting as a board of equalization. It was necessary to hold this conference early on account of the fact that the county attorney had arranged to go to Alex. on the morning train for the purpose of investigating the death of Mrs. Mand Bonard, which occurred Saturday from burning.

At yesterday's meeting of the board, following the hearing of a number of minor matters, the board assembled as an equalization board. It being ascertained that proper notice had not been given the taxpayers, the board, as an equalization board recessed until Friday, June 16. This was done in order that the meeting of the board, may be properly advertised and all taxpayers seeking relief from errors of assessment of any kind may know of the sitting of the board. Ten days notice of the meeting of the equalization board is required by law.

Immediately the board reassembled as county commissioners and took up the regular routine matters which came before them. The monthly reports of all county officers, with claims attached, were filed, added and allowed.

Road dragging reports were received and filed as follows: S. A. Roberts, dragging 12 miles of the Minco-Pocasset road; Jerry Mitchell, dragging 1 1/2 miles of the Rush Springs-Marlow and the Rush Springs-Elgin roads; J. M. Taylor, dragging 3 miles of the Chickasha-Tabler road; R. P. Froneberger, dragging 5 1/2 miles of the Minco-Pocasset road; Ralph Heron, dragging 3 miles of the Chickasha-Yerden roads; W. L. Evans, dragging 4 miles of the Rush Springs-Alex roads; J. S. McCowan, dragging 5 miles of the Rush Springs-Marlow roads; R. P. Froneberger, dragging 5 1/2 miles of the Minco-Tuttle roads.

It was reported to the board that the bridge on the township line between section 36-53 and section 14-5 was in an unsafe and a dangerous condition. It was ordered that the county engineer be instructed to examine the bridge, estimate the extent and the cost of the repairs needed and report to the board at its next meeting, or at an earlier date if possible. In event it should be found necessary to repair the bridge at once, the order authorizes the county engineer to have such repairs immediately made.

County engineer was instructed, upon motion, to go to Bradley for the purpose of investigating the condition of the bridge on the Bradley-Kilgore road; to ascertain the extent and the cost of the repairs needed and report same to board.

The petition filed by H. C. Beltz, et al. in the matter of opening a certain road in Alex and Bradley townships, was called up and report submitted to the commissioners showing that the road had been opened except such portions of it that may traverse the properties of L. A. Browder, M. D. Smith, E. M. Vanderveer and J. M. Ireton.

Mrs. Julia Ireton submitted a proposition in which she agreed to accept remuneration for lands taken up as right of way by the proposed road in the sum of \$75 per acre.

E. M. Vanderveer submitted proposition stating he was willing to donate the right of way to the county.

L. M. Browder, acting for M. D. Smith, submitted a statement to the

effect that said M. D. Smith objected to the road crossing his lands as proposed.

After considering the matter carefully the board accepted the proposition of the petitioners, declared the road, as proposed a public necessity and instructed the county engineer to investigate the proposed line from all angles and report back to the board. The engineer was also instructed to make all necessary surveys in the matter.

Mrs. M. G. Armstrong submitted an affidavit stating that a mortgage held by her in the amount of \$3,500 had been erroneously assessed against her as personal property. It having been shown to the satisfaction of the board that the mortgage tax upon the same had been paid as required by law, an order was made eliminating the 1915 taxes against the mortgage.

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WOUNDED MAN STILL IN DANGER

The attending physicians at the Chickasha hospital, stated this afternoon that the condition of Bob Davis, the young Rock Island shopman who was shot and wounded by the negro, Smith, Sunday morning, remains practically the same. Davis, the doctors say, is resting as easily as can be expected, but is still in a serious condition and in grave danger.

Davis is said to be perfectly conscious and suffering as little pain as could be expected under the circumstances. However, the doctors have not permitted him to make a statement of the trouble which led up to the shooting, fearing the excitement which might ensue from too much talking.

The county attorney has not yet taken a statement from the wounded man, preferring to wait until he may become stronger.

It was stated this morning by a city employee that negroes who were eye witnesses of the shooting would state the negro was the aggressor in the trouble.

WORK OF TORNADOES IS DEADLY

Memphis, Tenn., June 6.—Forty-nine persons are reported dead, killed by the tornadoes which swept Arkansas and Mississippi last night. In Arkansas twenty-five, dead are reported at Judsonia, six at Bedford and three at Hot Springs.

From Mississippi comes reports of eight dead near Natchez and two dead at Jackson. Five are reported drowned at Augusta, Arkansas. Rescuers today have gone to interior points, isolated from communication with the outside world.

Wynne, Ark., June 6.—Reports today indicate that fifty are dead, a thousand and injured and a million and a half of property destroyed within a radius of fifty miles of here.

Fifty Killed by Storm.

Little Rock, Ark., June 6.—According to reports received up to noon today fifty persons were killed by tornadoes in Arkansas yesterday. Wire service is still crippled.

PRISONERS TO PEN.

Deputy Charles Harris, of Sheriff Bailey's force, left last night for McAlester, having in charge Harold Printy, white, and Sonny Smith, negro, each under sentence of four years for burglary and larceny. Printy and Smith recently entered pleas of guilty to burglarizing box cars in the Chickasha yards of the Rock Island railway.

With Sonny Smith safely behind the stone walls at McAlester, the police of Chickasha will heave one long, deep sigh of relief. The little negro has been a thorn in the side of the officers for the past two years or more, always being found implicated in any mischief or petty larcenies which might turn up.

LIVELY TIMES IN THE CITIES OF MACEDONIA



The presence of Austro-German and Bulgarian troops in the cities of Macedonia has made business unwontedly lively. This photograph shows the market of Veles thronged with farmers who have brought live stock for sale.

ANNOUNCE ADDITION TO HOTEL

Building to Be Enlarged by Erection of Another Story at Early Date, Managers State; Other Improvements to Be Made

The managers of the Early hotel announce that they have been assured by the Chickasha representatives of Moon and Touchton, of Gainesville, Texas, owners of the Early hotel building, that the work of adding another story to the structure, and of remodeling the building throughout, will begin at an early date.

Mr. Remler, of the firm of Remler and Burchfield, the present managers of the Early, stated that he received assurances that the work upon the building would begin not later than July 1st. Mr. Remler said that the addition of another story would increase the number of guest rooms of the hotel to a total of 90; that each room would be supplied with running hot and cold water; that many of the rooms in addition to those already so supplied, would be furnished with individual or private baths; that each room would be equipped with telephone service; that the dining room would be remodeled and enlarged and so arranged that larger parties may be cared for whenever the occasion demands; that the office would be remodeled and so arranged that the lobby space would be materially increased; that an elevator would be installed and the present stairway changed and so arranged that it would wind about the elevator shaft, occupying the minimum of space.

As soon as the work of improvements have been completed, the management of the hotel will refurnish the building from bottom to top. It is stated. Every room will be outfitted with new furniture, new paper upon the walls, new rugs upon the floors, the office and dining room and parlors will be tastefully decorated and the building made modern throughout. The steam heating will include every room. The sample rooms, for the accommodation of the traveling salesman, will also receive special attention and will be remodeled so as to be more commodious than ever.

The present managers of the Early are both hotel men with wide experience. Mr. P. C. Remler came to Chickasha from Topeka, Kansas, and Mr. J. W. Burchfield from Winfield, in the same state.

DIVORCE SUITS FILED.

Two divorce suits were filed in the district court yesterday. Mrs. Myrtle Drewry, through her attorney, Maurice Smith, sues her husband, Carroll Drewry, for divorce, and Mrs. Mary Etta Kelly, through her attorneys, Welborne and Bailey, seeks annulment of marriage ties from her husband, Jesse P. Kelly.

P. O. MAKES GOOD GAIN

Postmaster Barefoot stated this morning that his report to the post office department would show one of the heaviest increases in the business of the Chickasha postoffice for the month of May known in the history of the office.

The business of the Chickasha office during May, 1916, amounted to a total of \$2,553.58, as compared with a business during May, 1915, of \$1,902.00; a total net gain of business for May, 1916, over the business of the corresponding month of 1915, of \$651.58, or over 34 per cent.

RETAILERS SCHEDULED TO MEET

Secretary Erstrand reports a meeting of the Chickasha retailers' association to be held tonight. The meeting will be regular monthly meeting and a full attendance is urged for the reason that a great deal of important business is due to come up for action.

The matter of the transfer of the retailers' portion of the proceeds of the last carnival to the proper channels will be disposed of. About \$25 represents the amount derived, net, by the retailers from the show.

Action will be taken upon the matter of the Fourth of July patriotic celebration and plans for working out details of the same will be perfected to night.

Also, the matter of arranging monthly meetings of all meat dealers and grocers, separate from meetings of other retailers, will be disposed of to night. Monthly meetings of butchers and grocers will be arranged in order that these dealers may be brought in closer touch with wholesalers.

WORKERS ARE SENT TO FIELDS

Agent Cooper and Police are Co-operating in Placing Men With Farmers; No Shortage in Harvest Help Anticipated

Acting in conjunction with the police of Chickasha, Agent Cooper has been able for the past ten days to furnish the farmers of Grady county with an average of a dozen farm hands each day.

Highwater mark was probably reached yesterday when Agent Cooper and Jack Marshall, assistant chief of police, took a census of their day's work and found that they had placed 26 hands up to 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Every kind of farm help called for makes grist at the Cooper-Marshall mill. Harvest hands, cotton choppers, plowmen, dairy helpers, all are supplied with "neatness, regularity and dispatch."

Mr. Cooper stated yesterday afternoon that he has experienced little trouble in filling the calls for help received from the farmers. At the time he spoke three working men were sitting in his office awaiting a call, ready to go out and tackle any old kind of a job.

Officer Marshall stated that the police were not troubled with finding willing workers when the word was passed about that someone needed a good man.

The most of the help supplied, however, Officer Marshall stated, came from the ranks of the "stranger within our gates" who had wandered to this land of promise in search of work. A few of the unemployed of Chickasha were responding to the "call of the soil," the officer stated, but the majority of the unemployed younger element of Chickasha were not looking in the direction of the fields of grain or cotton.

There seems no reason, according to statements of both Mr. Cooper and Officer Marshall, for the farmers of Grady county to operate short-handed this season. Neither will there be any need for them to appeal to the free employment bureau for help. The "employment bureau," with active agents in charge, is right at their doors.

MINCO DRAINAGE DISTRICT MATTER IN DISTRICT COURT

In the district court this afternoon the matter of E. B. Johnson vs. County Treasurer will be called. In this suit the plaintiff seeks to enjoin the defendant from collecting taxes on certain lands affected by the conditions surrounding the establishment of a time ago, of the Minco drainage district. Locke and Locke, of Dallas, are in the court this afternoon as representatives of the bonding company holding the bonds of the Minco drainage district.

KITCHENER AND STAFF VICTIMS

T.R. READY TO SUPPORT GEN. WOOD

Following Conference, Callers on Colonel Say Army Man is Acceptable to Him; Moose Have No Second Choice

By United Press.
New York, June 6.—Visitors today, after a conference with Col. Roosevelt, said the latter had declared that he would support Major General Wood for the presidency if the name of Wood were seriously considered by the Republican national convention.

Moose for T. R. Only.

Chicago, Ill., June 6.—In a statement to delegates to the Progressive convention, George W. Perkins issued a flat ultimatum that it would be Roosevelt or nobody for the Progressive nomination for president. He declared the Moose had no second choice.

The Hughes speech at Washington last night had no effect on Frank Hitchcock's activities in his behalf. The Progressives said the Hughes speech had no significance.

PRESIDENT YUAN SHI KAI DEAD

By United Press.
Washington, June 6.—Official notices received today say the president of China is dead.

By United Press.
San Francisco, Cal., June 6.—Recent reports received here say Yuan Shi Kai was poisoned, possibly by revolutionists. It is believed that the revolution may become serious in the absence of a strong man to succeed him as president of China.

By United Press.
London, June 6.—A dispatch to the Reuter's news agency today states that President Yuan Shi Kai of China died yesterday of illness.

Tokio Hears News.

Tokyo, June 6.—Unofficial but apparently authentic reports say President Yuan Shi Kai of China is dead.

Washington Hears It.

By United Press.
Washington, June 6.—The state department received unofficial reports today to the effect that the president of China is dead.

BAD WEATHER HURT SALE.

The inclement conditions of the weather materially injured the First Monday sale yesterday in Chickasha. The showers which continued throughout the morning came with such frequency that practically nothing was sold until after the noon hour. The sale only amounted to a trifle over \$500. Some live stock was offered and several pieces of farm machinery changed hands.

PERISH IN SINKING OF WARSHIP

Battle Cruiser Hampshire is Destroyed by Mine or Torpedo Off Coast of Scotland; Small Hope of Any Survivors

By United Press.
London, June 6.—Lord Kitchener, minister of war, with his entire staff, was lost when the battle cruiser Hampshire was sunk off the north coast of Scotland. It was officially announced by the admiralty this morning.

The statement issued by the admiralty indicated that the Hampshire was torpedoed off the Orkney islands. It was indicated that there was little hope that any members of Kitchener's staff survived and it is accepted as a fact that Kitchener himself was drowned.

The Hampshire was a battle cruiser of the Argyll type, carry 12 6-inch guns and men. It was four hundred feet long, displacing 10,850 tons. Its armament consisted of six 6-inch guns and two torpedo tubes.

Cable dispatches did not mention the Hampshire as participating in the great naval battle last week and did not indicate the circumstances under which the vessel was sunk.

Lord Kitchener was England's foremost soldier since the death of Lord Roberts.

The main base of the British high seas fleet is believed to be in the vicinity of the islands off the north coast of Scotland and it is therefore thought that Kitchener and his staff went there to review the vessels that engaged the Germans last week, probably conferring with other high officials.

Kitchener was responsible for the defense of England in case of attempted invasion.

The official statement said the Hampshire was either torpedoed or destroyed by a mine.

The statement issued by the admiralty was as follows:

"The admiralty reports with deep regret that the Hampshire was sunk about 8 o'clock last night off the Orkney islands with Lord Kitchener and staff on board by a mine or torpedo.

"Four boats were seen leaving the ship with heavy seas running but patrol boats and destroyers rushed to the scene. No reports have been received yet from searching parties on shore."

England's greatest personal loss in the war stunned London. It was learned this afternoon that Kitchener and his staff were en route to Russia, intending to confer with high officials at Petrograd.

Admiral Jellicoe reported the loss of the Hampshire to the admiralty. Captain Saxill commanded the vessel. Kitchener's staff, as listed on the army roll, included Private Secretaries H. J. Creedy and Captain Arthur, Lieutenant Colonel Fitzgerald, Col. Leatham, Major Sturt, Major Robb and Colonel Norie. They composed Kitchener's office organization as minister of war or secretary of state for war.

Kitchener was born in 1850 and was the son of Lieutenant Col. Kitchener. He had been chief of staff in South Africa and commander of the British forces in India.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For Oklahoma.
Tonight and Wednesday generally fair.

Local Temperature.
During 24 hours ending 3 a. m. today:
Maximum, 73; minimum, 53.
